



# College Courier

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## President's Message



*Dr Philip Moses*

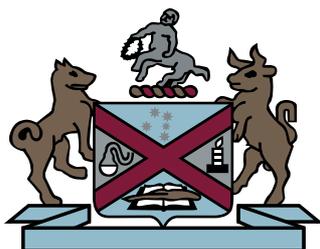
The first College Science Week of the new Australian and New Zealand College of Veterinary Scientists ran from June 28 – 30, 2012, and again lived up to its reputation as being Australia's premier veterinary scientific meeting. The newly refurbished QT Gold Coast Hotel was colourful, and staff exceptionally helpful as always, and the Gold Coast produced beautiful weather and many migrating

whales for the 380 delegates who participated in the highly successful multi-stream programme produced by sixteen College chapters.

College Council welcomed to Science Week an important international guest: Dr Stefano Romagnoli, representing the European Board of Veterinary Specialisation. Dr Romagnoli imparted valuable information about the European Colleges and their certification requirements to Science Week delegates at a range of forums; and College Council had the opportunity to discuss the ongoing valuable relationship the ANZ College enjoys with the EBVS, and explore options for future collaborative opportunities with European Colleges.

This year's popular Science Week Plenary was held on the first morning and was a well-attended interactive forum about mentoring. Thank you to Dr Zoe Lenard from the Board of Examiners Training and Credentials Committee, who facilitated the open discussion with a panel representing a breadth of subjects offering experiences and opinions on mentoring for College Membership examinations. Individuals in attendance were invited to contribute their thoughts and experiences to highlight and support mentoring as an important College activity.

The Board of Examiners Training and Credentials Committee (TCC) also invited Fellows and others interested to attend a discussion on the Friday morning of Science Week to discuss views on ongoing certification of Fellows. This meeting was chaired by Dr Mark Owen who has put considerable effort,



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along with other members of the Board of Examiners into this area. At the meeting, Dr Owen explained the reasons for this and proposed a simple tick list to be filled in online or on the annual subscription form. The tick list would show the Fellow's activity across a range of areas over the past year, thereby easily demonstrating efforts to remaining current in the chosen discipline. The committee explained that it was envisaged that this simple step might be used to pre-empt registration requirements before they were legislated, and alleviate some concern associated with the pursuit of reciprocity due to compulsory ongoing certification requirements of overseas colleges. The proposal was well received by all interested Fellows attending.

Immediately after the AGM on Friday evening, the Training and Credentials Committee (TCC) held an open forum about Fellowship Training for Fellowship candidates and supervisors who may have questions of clarification or concerns about Fellowship training that they wish to raise directly with the Board of Examiners. Dr Owen from the TCC took the opportunity to announce a number of important changes to Fellowship training designed to assist Fellowship candidates and simplify programmes. Changes discussed pertained to Activity Logs, publication requirements and examination format announcements. The details may be obtained from the College Office.

I would like to congratulate the College CEO, Dr Megan Parker, who has been short listed as a finalist for the Australian Institute of Management, Management Excellence Awards. I know Megan is grateful to the many College Officers, both past and present, who have supported her professional growth over the decade she has served the College as Executive Officer and CEO.

I would like to thank the College office staff for their ongoing commitment and hard work for the College. Elaine Lowe continues to amaze me with her knowledge of, and commitment to, the College and I thank her for her support. Elaine is well supported by Sharon Tinsley. I would also like to take this opportunity to welcome our new Examinations Officer Yvette O'Keefe.

Finally as always I wish to thank all members of the College for their ongoing support and remind you I am always available if there are any issues I am able to help you with. Phone work +61(0)738417011 or via email – paemoses@hotmail.com. I look forward to seeing you at Science week in 2013.

**Dr Philip Moses, President ANZCVS**

## Staff Profile

### Welcome to Ms. Yvette O'Keefe – The new College Examinations Officer

Yvette comes to the college with thirteen years experience as an educator in both tertiary and high school environments. With an interest in assessment design she brings to the college a desire to streamline the examination process for both examiners and candidates.

Yvette graduated from Griffith University with a degree in Microelectronic Engineering in 1999 and received a Graduate Diploma in Education from the University of Queensland in 2007. She has four children ranging in age from 25 to 7 and has recently become a grandmother to a beautiful little girl called Ruby Anne.





## CEO Report

### Current Operational Performance



*Dr Megan Parker*

The College currently has a Membership of 2198; 1720 of which are Members, 215 are Fellows, 15 are Honorary Fellows, 34 are Associate Members, and 213 are Life members or Life Fellows. 1708 (78%) reside in Australia, 288 in New Zealand and 202 in other countries.

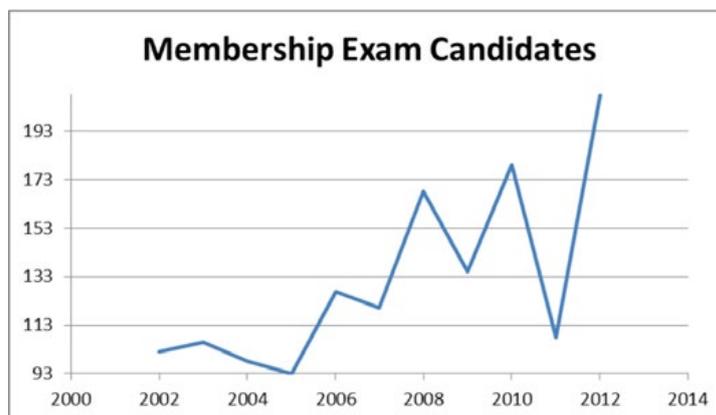
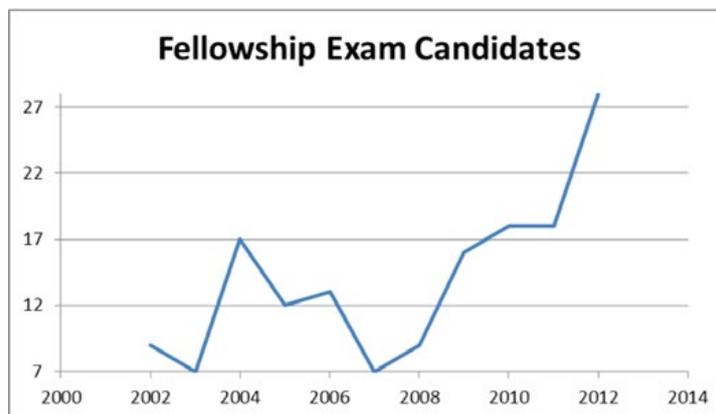
There are 70 fellowship candidates active in training, 21 candidates have finished all requirements for training and are to credential and 20 others who have credentialed and are eligible to sit exams in 2013 examinations. The total of 111 Fellowship Candidates are spread across the following disciplines:

- Animal Reproduction **1**
- Avian Medicine **2**
- Aquatic Animal Health **1**
- Canine Medicine **4**
- Dairy Cattle Medicine **2**
- Equine Medicine **9**
- Equine Surgery **4**
- Feline Medicine **5**
- Small Animal Medicine **23**
- Small Animal Surgery **24**
- Veterinary Anaesthesia **4**
- Veterinary Anatomical Pathology **2**
- Veterinary Behaviour **2**
- Veterinary Clinical Pathology **2**
- Veterinary Emergency Medicine **8**
- Veterinary Dermatology **4**
- Veterinary Epidemiology **1**
- Veterinary Oncology **4**
- Veterinary Ophthalmology **4**
- Veterinary Radiology **5**

### Examination Numbers

Year	Membership exam candidates	Fellowship exam Candidates
2002	102	9
2003	106	7
2004	98	17
2005	93	12
2006	127	13
2007	120	7
2008	168	9
2009	135	16
2010	179	18
2011	108	18
2012	208	28

\*In house figures as distributed to Members at AGM





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### College Science Week 2012

College Science week 2012 was again a hugely successful, premier scientific, collegiate event. The overall attendance at the conference was 380, a slight drop from the 450 that attended in 2011. It was difficult to assess the reason for the slight decrease although several programs in the preliminary program were not included because Chapters failed to finalise their program until very late. It is also recognised that several other large veterinary conferences had experienced somewhat lower attendances in 2012.

The area for trade displays had been significantly increased for 2012, and twenty four trade displays were present.

The Happy Hour was once again immensely popular and held in Stingray because of a lack of suitable space in the trade display area. Morning and afternoon teas were still held in the downstairs trade display area.

Again; the examinations, College Science Week conference and all associated events and meetings were enormously successful in 2012. The expertise and hard work of the Board of Examiners ensured a smooth examination period. I am personally grateful to all members of the Board of Examiners, especially the Chief Examiner Mandy Burrows, and the Assistant Chief Examiners Liz Norman and Mark Owen for their leadership and hard work.

The week for a number of us on the leadership team lasted nine to ten days, and again we ended up satisfied but physically and mentally exhausted. I am pleased that Council has begun to consider that the College examination system and scientific conference have reached the stage where we are very close to needing to physically separate the two into autonomous entities, in order to adequately manage the logistics and size of both events with our limited human resources.

I encourage members to reflect on Science Week 2012 and email me any thoughts/comments or suggestions for consideration in planning for 2013.

### 2012 Results

The high numbers of candidates presenting for ANZCVS examinations in the 2012 Examination period was unprecedented. A record number of 27 Fellowship candidates completed the Fellowship examinations in fifteen different subjects. We congratulate the 10 candidates who successfully passed all four components of the examination

on first attempt to become Fellows immediately, and the 14 others who successfully passed certain components of the examination to move significantly closer to becoming Fellows. Fellowship candidates have three years to pass all four components of the examination, so a pass first time is an outstanding achievement. Overall, the 27 Fellowship candidates sat 93 examination components and 56 components were passed, a 60.2% pass rate.

### Announcing Ten New Fellows For 2012

The following candidates successfully completed their fellowship examinations in 2012.

- Dr Katherine Briscoe, Feline Medicine
- Dr Elizabeth Walmsley, Equine Surgery
- Dr Merrin Hicks, Veterinary Emergency and Critical Care
- Dr Alistair Franklin, Small Animal Surgery
- Dr Mellora Sharman, Small Animal Medicine
- Dr Justin Wimpole, Small Animal Medicine
- Dr Lydia Hambrook, Small Animal Medicine
- Dr Sophia Haynes, Small Animal Medicine
- Dr Amy Lane, Veterinary Oncology
- Dr Matthew Izzo, Dairy Cattle Management and Diseases

208 candidates attempted the membership examinations in twenty one different subjects; 150 passing outright (72.1% pass rate) and 18 others receiving a supplementary oral or written examination. We warmly welcome the new members to the College and look forward to them making a valuable contribution to the advancement of veterinary science. Of special note are our fourteen new members from the UK/Europe who successfully sat the inaugural Medicine of Cats examinations in Europe. Candidates for these examinations travelled from eight different European countries to sit the oral examinations in Birmingham in early August. At all times they presented themselves as professional, courteous, motivated and gracious individuals who will no doubt make outstanding members of the ANZCVS. The venue, logistics and oral exam conduct ran smoothly in Birmingham with the Medicine of Cats exams. We celebrated the event with a lovely drinks reception with some of the candidates on the shores of a beautiful lake. It was a worthwhile exercise and I am pleased we have agreed to a three year trial to deliver the exams in UK/Europe in conjunction with support from the International Society of Feline Medicine.



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### Announcing New Members For 2012

Congratulations to the following candidates who successfully completed the membership examinations in 2012:

First name	Surname	Membership Subjects
Kim	Kelly	Animal Reproduction
Stuart	Mason	Animal Reproduction
Nicole	Rous	Animal Reproduction
Alison	Ineson	Animal Welfare
David	Marshall	Animal Welfare
Roger	Poland	Animal Welfare
Robert	Stabler	Animal Welfare
Lewis	Vaughan	Animal Welfare
Ruth	Barrett	Avian Health
Toni-Anne	Cockburn	Avian Health
Melinda	Cowan	Avian Health
Mathew	Grabovszky	Avian Health
Cindy	Jarratt	Avian Health
Micah	Jensen	Avian Health
Baukje	Lenting	Avian Health
Sarah	Michael	Avian Health
Corrie	Pinkster	Avian Health
Daniëlle	Sijbranda	Avian Health
Alan	Warner	Avian Health
Cameron	Hosking	Equine Dentistry
Kirsten	Jackson	Equine Dentistry
Raymond	Lenaghan	Equine Dentistry
Claude	Lacasse	Medicine of Australasian Wildlife Species
Phillipa	Mason	Medicine of Australasian Wildlife Species
Kathryn	Stalder	Medicine of Australasian Wildlife Species
Eleanor	Atkinson	Medicine of Cats
Lisa	Bennett	Medicine of Cats
Caroline	Blundell	Medicine of Cats
Emma	Buckley	Medicine of Cats
Caroline	Carlton	Medicine of Cats
Sally	Coggins	Medicine of Cats
Nathalie	Dowgray	Medicine of Cats
Rebecca	Francis	Medicine of Cats
Susan	Gottlieb	Medicine of Cats



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First name	Surname	Membership Subjects
Zuzana	Jacmenikova	Medicine of Cats
Belinda	Kays	Medicine of Cats
Diana	King	Medicine of Cats
Johanna	Maltha	Medicine of Cats
Clare	Meade	Medicine of Cats
Vanessa	Milborn	Medicine of Cats
Wayne	Mizon	Medicine of Cats
Jessica	Nevile	Medicine of Cats
Jamie	Rushton	Medicine of Cats
Rachel	Sant	Medicine of Cats
Jenny	Tower	Medicine of Cats
Peter	Trinder	Medicine of Cats
Audra-Lynne	Turner	Medicine of Cats
Teija	Viita-Aho	Medicine of Cats
Kay	Weller	Medicine of Cats
Miranda	Wright	Medicine of Cats
Agnieska	Zoltowska	Medicine of Cats
Joanna	Keall	Medicine of Dogs
Nicholas	Bamford	Medicine of Horses
David	Byrne	Medicine of Horses
Lucy	Cudmore	Medicine of Horses
Rosemary	Cuming	Medicine of Horses
Ruth	Elphinstone	Medicine of Horses
Kylie	Huxford	Medicine of Horses
Kimberly	Johnson	Medicine of Horses
Susan	Keane	Medicine of Horses
Tracey	Kerr	Medicine of Horses
Candice	Massingham	Medicine of Horses
Zoe	Page	Medicine of Horses
Craig	Hunger	Small Animal Dentistry
John	Kidman	Small Animal Dentistry
Kevin	Ng	Small Animal Dentistry
Rachel	Perry	Small Animal Dentistry
Rebecca	Tucker	Small Animal Dentistry
Matthew	Best	Small Animal Medicine
Neil	Christensen	Small Animal Medicine
Nicole	Cook	Small Animal Medicine



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First name	Surname	Membership Subjects
Owen	Davies	Small Animal Medicine
Isabella	Gartrell	Small Animal Medicine
Rachel	Gebbie	Small Animal Medicine
Timothy	Hugo	Small Animal Medicine
Barbara	Jameson	Small Animal Medicine
Robyn	Jarrett	Small Animal Medicine
Amy	Pepper	Small Animal Medicine
Joanna	Pilton	Small Animal Medicine
Cassandra	Prpich	Small Animal Medicine
Elizabeth	Ralph	Small Animal Medicine
Annabel	Robertson	Small Animal Medicine
Amanda	Taylor	Small Animal Medicine
Kathryn	Ward	Small Animal Medicine
Mariko	Yata	Small Animal Medicine
Michael	Aherne	Small Animal Surgery
Leah	Bonnette	Small Animal Surgery
Fiona	Coghill	Small Animal Surgery
Leonard	Hamilton	Small Animal Surgery
Adam	Jeffrey	Small Animal Surgery
Ka Wai	Lee	Small Animal Surgery
Christopher	Livingston	Small Animal Surgery
Karl	Mathis	Small Animal Surgery
Katherine	Mitchell	Small Animal Surgery
Gareth	Moss	Small Animal Surgery
Brian	O'Sullivan	Small Animal Surgery
Anthony	Payten	Small Animal Surgery
Jason	Rapke	Small Animal Surgery
Jacqueline	Scott	Small Animal Surgery
Winnie	Shih	Small Animal Surgery
Andrew	Speer	Small Animal Surgery
Jayson	Tuan	Small Animal Surgery
Nicholas	Woo	Small Animal Surgery
Fui	Yap	Small Animal Surgery
Christina	Zhu	Small Animal Surgery
Kristie	Clarke	Surgery of Horses
Anthony	Doherty	Surgery of Horses
Maxwell	Hall	Surgery of Horses



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First name	Surname	Membership Subjects
Charlotte	Herdan	Surgery of Horses
Holly	Lewis	Surgery of Horses
Cassandra	Robinson	Surgery of Horses
Michael	Ruppin	Surgery of Horses
Michael	Taylor	Surgery of Horses
Amy	Williamson	Surgery of Horses
Heather	Chee	Veterinary Behaviour
Tina	Chen	Veterinary Behaviour
Jonathan	Early	Veterinary Behaviour
Trepheena	Hunter	Veterinary Behaviour
Kim	Kelly	Veterinary Behaviour
Katherine	Lindsey	Veterinary Behaviour
Sophie	Nielsen	Veterinary Behaviour
James	Sabin	Veterinary Behaviour
Glenn	Tobiansky	Veterinary Behaviour
Fiona	Warton	Veterinary Behaviour
Susannah	Wood	Veterinary Behaviour
Jared	Addison	Veterinary Emergency and Critical Care
Kathleen	Graham	Veterinary Emergency and Critical Care
Anna	Macnaughtan	Veterinary Emergency and Critical Care
Amy	Pierce	Veterinary Emergency and Critical Care
Gerardo	Poli	Veterinary Emergency and Critical Care
Sarah	Purcell	Veterinary Emergency and Critical Care
Monique	Stanley	Veterinary Emergency and Critical Care
Helen	Wilson	Veterinary Emergency and Critical Care
Fiona	Witham	Veterinary Emergency and Critical Care
Elizabeth	Browne	Veterinary Pathology
Sarah	Gestier	Veterinary Pathology
Celia	Smuts	Veterinary Pathology
Sally	Britton	Veterinary Pharmacology
Joanne	Chisnall	Veterinary Pharmacology
Claire	Connelly	Veterinary Pharmacology
Robert	Kinobe	Veterinary Pharmacology
Peter	Kneipp	Veterinary Pharmacology
Mbatshi	Mazwiduma	Veterinary Pharmacology
Wen	Song	Veterinary Pharmacology
Claudius	Stanislaus	Veterinary Pharmacology
Gail	Versluis	Veterinary Pharmacology



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This year, the College Office received 47 requests for detailed results letters and 12 requests to view examination papers. Also 19 requests for guidance sessions were received comprising 15 Membership and 4 Fellowship guidance sessions.

Due to staff leave and the need to unpack from Science week, it will be necessary to indicate to candidates from 2013 that requests for marks release and viewing of papers will not be accepted until the Monday week after Science Week.

It will also be necessary to review the mode of delivery of guidance sessions. The consensus from those involved this year was that the exercise was more productive and effective due to the delayed timing of a number of weeks after receipt of results; however the sessions proved logistically difficult to organise, plus Board of Examiner members' availability was limited due to absence on leave, or the need to return to work and/or normal duties that had tended to be neglected over the College examination period.

### Award Winners

#### 2012 COLLEGE AWARDS

Congratulations to the following Award Winners for 2012:

College Prize .....Dr. Ruth Elizabeth Davis  
Ian Clunies Ross Award .....Professor Robin Gasser  
Fellowship Scholarship... Dr. K. Hindley and Dr. W. Goodwin  
Fellowship Research Grant ..... Dr. C. W. Spelta  
Kesteven Medal .....No Award in 2012

### Most Commendable Papers

AVJ An outbreak of granulomatous peritonitis caused by injectable selenium in a flock of Merino sheep. Dennis, MM, Henriquez J, Keipert G, Biazik J, Braet, F.  
NZVJ Extending ideas about animal welfare assessment to include 'quality of life' and related concepts. Green, T, Mellor DJ.  
AVP Clinical characteristics and outcome after treatment of shaker dog syndrome in ninety dogs. Hazell KLA, Child G, Chin G.

### Correct College Acronym

The correct College acronym is ANZCVS. Members are entitled to use the post nominal MANZCVS; and Fellows FANZCVS.

### Positions Vacant

Positions Vacant Classifieds may be placed on the ANZ College website for \$250 per advertisement for thirty days. A \$50 discount is extended to members and fellows of the College (who pay only \$200). The same fees are payable for direct email notices to members (in addition to email set up fees). Members of the College may easily opt out of Positions Vacant classifieds emails.

### Examiner Training Workshop

Plans are underway for an inaugural examiner training workshop likely to be held over a weekend in early February 2013. I am currently investigating availability and cost of a few proposed facilitators, our new Examinations Officer (Yvette) and the College Manager (Elaine) are working on options for venues in Brisbane and the Examinations Committee and I are working on a program for the event.

### Staffing

Members are requested to please note that between September 21 and November 12, the CEO will be on long service leave and strategies have been discussed with staff and officers for ensuring minimal disruption during the period of her absence.

### Examinations Officer (ExO)

Our new Examinations Officer, Ms Yvette O'Keefe is working hard and quickly learning the terminology and structure of the College. She is a pleasure to work with and the team in the office have a good rapport. She has learned to produce results letters and has assisted with administrative assessment of Fellowship supervisor reports. She is currently liaising with Chapter Examination Committees to develop their new modified Activity Log Summaries and to collate their examination structure for Subject Guidelines. Other tasks of Yvette's include revision of old Subject Guidelines, compiling 2012 examination feedback, assisting with venue choice for the examiners'



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workshop, analysing exam pass rates and compiling examination reports. She is being cc'd on all examination and training correspondence so that she can in time become conversant in examination and training protocols and procedures.

### Administrative Officer

Elaine took a well-deserved break after the UK Medicine of Cats exams. Sharon as always rose to the bar in Elaine's absence and did a terrific job managing a challenging and complex, varied workload.

### Annual Calendar 2012

- Mon 10 September 5pm* ..... Council meeting
- Thu 13 September 4pm* ..... Board of Examiners meeting
- Mon 22 Sept – 12 November* ...CEO Long Service Leave
- Thu/Fri 29/30 November* ..... AVBC Education Forum  
..... (CEO and President)
- Monday 10 December 4pm* ..... Council Meeting
- Mon 24 Dec – Fri 4 January* ..... College Office closed for  
..... Christmas break
- Mon 18 Feb 4pm* ..... Council Meeting
- Fri/Sat 22 – 23 Feb* ..... American Board of Veterinary  
..... Specialists Annual Meeting Chicago
- 6 – 9 March 2013* ..... WSAVA Auckland
- Mon 15 4pm* ..... Council Meeting
- April 12 – 13* ... European Board of Veterinary Specialisation
- April 26 – 29 May 2013* ..... AVA Conference,  
..... Annual Meeting, Brussels
- June 11 and 12* ..... Fellowship written exams
- June 11* ..... Membership written exams
- July 7 – 10* ..... Prac/Oral exams
- July 11 – 13* ..... College Science Week 2013

### Facebook Page



A link to Facebook has been added on the College homepage above the Latest News. Also a live feed from Facebook has been added onto the homepage below the main content. The Facebook image from the homepage will be used in College Office email signatures with a link through to [www.facebook.com/anzcvs](http://www.facebook.com/anzcvs) our Facebook page.

At the time of writing we have 89 likes (which are increasing rapidly) and the page is likely to continue to be a useful way to disseminate short messages as it grows in popularity.

### College Office Bearers

Drs Robert Labuc and Philip Moses were re-elected unopposed to the 2012/2013 College Council. Dr. Moses will continue the terrific job he is doing as President, for a second year.

Dr. Elizabeth Dill Macky was appointed unopposed as President-elect and will also continue in the role as Honorary Treasurer for one more year. Dr Michael Paton will serve a year as Treasurer-elect

Dr. Norm Williamson was elected to the positions of Honorary Secretary and Honorary Treasurer/Secretary (New Zealand).

Dr. Geoff Robins will kindly continue in the role of Returning Officer, and Dr Caroline Mansfield will continue for the second year as Chairman – Awards Committee

The Board of Examiners welcomes a new member: Dr Katherine Briscoe who has joined the Training and Credentials Committee. It was felt that as a recent Fellowship candidate in Feline Medicine Katherine would bring a valuable candidate perspective to the Training and Credentials Committee and Board of Examiners. She has also been involved a number of times as a mentor and has held executive positions with the Feline Chapter so is conversant in a number of College areas/activities. We look forward to working with Katherine.

**Dr Megan Parker, CEO**



## Science Week 2012

Eleven streams ran concurrently each day during college science week with input from nearly all of the Chapters of the College.

The following Chapters are to be congratulated for providing informative & innovative scientific programmes that varied in length from half a day to the three full days: Small Animal Medicine, Surgery, Dentistry, Ophthalmology, Animal Welfare, Cattle, Vet Anaesthesia, Emergency and Critical Care, Feline Medicine, Animal Behaviour, Equine, Zoo & Wildlife Medicine, Epidemiology, Radiology, Reproduction, Pharmacology, and the new Chapter of Oncology.

It was a major benefit to members and other registrants to have so much to choose from, and the collegiate atmosphere complimented the superb scientific content.

In recent years, combined sessions have emerged to pool the talent and expertise of associated Chapters to discuss controversial or topical issues. This year was no exception, there being over one-third of the sessions collaboration between some thirteen Chapters (80% of those participating).

All sessions were well attended despite the abundance of CE supplied by alternative providers. The Small Animal related Chapters are to be congratulated on providing excellent proceedings.

It was pleasing to see so many invited experts from all over the world, in both the veterinary and human fields of medicine.

Many Chapters used the Science Week Meeting to hold their AGM's and Annual Dinners.

A Council initiative to latchkey Science Week with a Plenary Session continues to be popularly attended, with mentoring and training of Membership candidates the focus for this year.

Happy Hour once again provided the opportunity for all delegates to interact and reinforce the intellectual feeling.

The return of the College Awards Dinner to Saturday evening – always a sell-out – was a fitting finale to the scholasticism of the week.

Twenty Three industry representatives (our most ever) joined us this year and most expressed that they benefited from the exposure to the delegates, even though our huge numbers made it impossible to conduct all the catering functions in the exhibition area.

In addition, VIN visited us from the USA for the fifth consecutive year, providing computer and internet access for conference participants.

We are presently in the enviable situation where we have a waiting list of trade companies wishing to participate in Science Week.

The Gold Coast QT Hotel has proved to be a wonderful venue for this Annual College event. Eleven separate meeting rooms were in operation continuously throughout the three day weekend. Where possible the session times were coordinated to enable delegates to move between lectures. Problems encountered with mass people movements to and from lecture rooms, catering facilities were minimised by diligent program co-ordinators regulating lecture times.

The success of Science Week is essentially dependant on the Chapters.

In short, this was arguably Science Week's most comprehensive meeting, featuring the best we and the wider community have to offer.

I would like to add my personal thanks to the Chapter programme coordinators who did so much to develop a programme that had such a wide appeal to College members.

Elaine Lowe continues to do an outstanding job organising the whole meeting. Elaine's daughter Clare is a great help looking after the registration desk, and Sharon's help on the first day of the conference was invaluable.

I look forward to a similar Chapter response in coming to the Gold Coast again next year and to make this meeting the focus of their scientific and social activities for the year.

**Terry King, Science week 2012 Convenor**



## New Fellows

### Lydia Hambrook



Lydia Hambrook completed undergraduate training at the University of Melbourne with the support of the RSPCA Betty Amsden Scholarship. Graduating in 2002, Lydia was awarded the AVA prize for the top honours degree in Victoria, the Payne Exhibition award for clinical competency, the Post Graduate Foundation award for performance in final year examinations and the AEVA award for Equine Medicine and Surgery. After three years of mixed practice in Kilmore, Victoria, Lydia locumed throughout Melbourne and Adelaide. She attained ACVSc membership in Small Animal Medicine in 2007. In 2008, she worked as a volunteer for Vets Beyond Borders in India and the Esther Honey Foundation in the Cook Islands.

Lydia completed her residency at the Melbourne Veterinary Specialist Centre (2009 - 2011). At College Science week 2010, she was awarded first prize for her abstract on the effect of pimobendan on the survival of cats with non taurine responsive dilated cardiomyopathy. This abstract was subsequently presented at the ECVIM congress in Sevilla, Spain (2011) and published as a full length article in the Journal of Feline Medicine and Surgery (2012).

### Justin Wimpole



Justin graduated from the Faculty of Veterinary Science at the University of Sydney with first class honours. He also spent a summer at the Faculty of Veterinary Medicine at Cornell University in New York where he studied electrophysiology and renal physiology and completed Cornell's prestigious Veterinary Leadership Program. After graduating in Sydney, he completed an Internship in Small Animal Medicine and Surgery at the Veterinary Specialist Centre in Sydney where he developed an excellent grounding in small animal practice.

Justin completed a residency in Small Animal Medicine in 2007 and has achieved his specialist qualification as a Fellow of the Australian and New Zealand College of Veterinary Scientists in Internal Medicine. He is passionate about the highest level of care for both dogs and cats. He is interested in all areas of medicine but has special interests in kidney disease, autoimmune and gastrointestinal disease.

Justin's interests are still-water rowing which he does regularly and competitively on the harbour, cooking, enjoying the beach and spending time with his young family.

### Mellora Sharman



Mellora graduated from the University of Queensland in 2003, working at Tuggeranong Veterinary Hospital in Canberra before undertaking an internship in small animal medicine and surgery at the University of Sydney in 2005. Following this she worked as a registrar at the University of Queensland from 2006 - 2007, gaining membership of the Small Animal Medicine Chapter of the ANZCVS during this time. Mellora completed a residency in Small Animal Medicine at Murdoch University, Perth from 2007 under the supervision of both Dr Caroline Mansfield and Dr Peter Irwin. Currently Mellora is a PhD Candidate at the University of Melbourne.

### Amy Lane



Amy graduated from Sydney University in 2000 and started as a mixed animal practice associate veterinarian in Cowra, NSW for 3 years. After travelling for 6 months in the UK and Europe, she moved to Perth and spent another 2 years in small animal practice before being selected for an internship with Perth Veterinary Oncology. In 2007 she commenced her residency in Veterinary Oncology, and completed a Research Masters with Training program through Murdoch University concurrently.



## New Fellows

### Liz Walmsley



Liz gained her veterinary degree from Liverpool University in 2005. Having been lucky enough to spend her clinical years under the guidance of Professor Barrie Edwards, a passion for equine surgery was borne.

Liz then spent 18 months in a surgical internship at the Scone Equine Hospital, mentored by Drs Angus Adkins, Troy Butt, Paul Adams and David Railton, before completing a residency at the University of Melbourne, supervised by Assoc Prof Chris Whitton and Dr Cate Steel. In 2008 Liz gained membership of the Australian College in Equine Surgery and Fellowship in 2012. Liz is currently employed by the University of Melbourne as a Lecturer in Equine Surgery, where she performs clinical work, teaches during clinical rotations and is in the final stages of completing a Masters on gene expression in horses with recurrent laryngeal neuropathy. Liz would like to express her thanks to the many inspirational veterinarians that played a role in her journey to Fellowship qualification, to The College and to the examiners in Equine Surgery Drs David Murphy, Robin Bell and Paul Robinson.'

### Kath Briscoe



Kath graduated from the University of Sydney in 2003 with First Class Honours and the University Medal. As a new graduate, Kath worked at Gladesville Veterinary Hospital for 18 months prior to spending 12 months locuming in the UK. On her return to Australia, Kath completed an internship in small animal medicine, surgery and anaesthesia at the University Veterinary Teaching Hospital, Sydney before embarking upon her Fellowship training at the Valentine Charlton Cat Centre. Kath became a member of the ANZVSc in Feline Medicine in 2008. During her Fellowship training program, Kath was involved in the clinical teaching of final year veterinary students and performed research on the immunohistochemical features of feline inflammatory bowel disease and low grade lymphoma. Her abstract presentation of this research at College Science Week in 2009 won her first prize, and the final paper was published in the Journal Of Comparative Pathology. Kath is currently working in private small animal referral practice at the Animal Referral Hospital in Sydney.

### Matt Izzo



Matthew received his veterinary degree from the University of Sydney with first class honours in 2004. Following graduation, Matthew worked as an associate veterinarian in a mixed dairy practice in Gerringong on the South coast of NSW. In 2007, Matthew commenced a residency in Ruminant Health and Production under Assoc Professor John House at the Livestock Veterinary Teaching and Research Unit, University of Sydney and subsequently stayed on as a Veterinary Registrar until April 2012. During the residency program, Matthew completed a Masters of Veterinary Clinical Studies investigating the prevalence and detection of enteric pathogens in Australian dairy calves with diarrhoea. Matthew became a member of the ACVSc in Dairy Cattle Medicine in 2009.

### Alastair Franklin



Alastair graduated from Pembroke College, Cambridge in 2001 with a Bachelor's degree in Veterinary Medicine, preceded by an intercalated degree in Biological Anthropology. He initially worked in private small animal practice and then for a large charity hospital in London, before moving to Australia in search of better weather. In 2007 he successfully completed the RCVS Certificate in Small Animal Surgery and gained membership of the surgical chapter of the Australian College, following which he embarked upon a surgical internship in Sydney. In 2008 he commenced a surgical residency at the Veterinary Specialist Centre, Sydney under the supervision of Drs Stephen Fearnside and Tony Black. Since completion of the residency he has been locuming at referral centres in Sydney and interstate.



## New Fellows

### Merrin Hicks

Merrin graduated from the University of Sydney in 2000. Early mentors included Dr Geraldine Hunt and Dr Angela Phillips, and after a short time in practice in Sydney, completed a 3 year residency in VEMCC and Master's degree at Melbourne University, and 2 years of surgical residency training and research in the USA.



Although Merrin has a passion for soft tissue surgery, upon returning from the US chose to pursue specialist qualifications in VEMCC. Merrin would like to thank Dr's Katrin Swindells, Lisa Smart and Trudi McAlees in particular, as well as the many people who have supported her path to fellowship examinations. Merrin has spent the last few years in senior management roles and hopes one day to open her own emergency and critical care hospital. In the meantime, her main aims are to surf more, travel, and hopefully train her pugs to be more obedient!

### Sophie Haynes

Sophie graduated from the University of Melbourne in 2002 with second-class honours. She began working in a small animal practice in Hall, ACT, where she stayed for 2.5 years before travelling to Wales, UK, to work as the emergency veterinarian in a large small animal practice in Newport. In 2006 Sophie returned to Australia and joined the University of Melbourne as an Intern in Small Animal Medicine and Surgery. The next year she began a Residency in Small Animal Medicine at the same institution and was awarded Membership of the Australian and New Zealand College of Veterinary Scientists in Small Animal Medicine. Sophie currently operates a referral internal medicine service in a private practice in Melbourne.



## Chapter Reports

# Equine



Science week was a real boon for the equine chapter with an interesting and vibrant series of lectures not only in medicine and anaesthesia with wildlife and exotic themes featuring as well. We were delighted to work with the Wildlife and Anaesthesia chapters this year.

Also pleasing was the large number of quality candidates in both medicine and surgery. Amongst the harvest of their labours (and the wonderful examiners) was the success of Liz Walmsley gaining her well deserved fellowship in Equine Surgery, nine new members in equine surgery and 11 in equine medicine.

We would like to give our heartfelt commendations to all candidates who presented for these examinations- well done! Only your selves are fully aware of the effort and rewards involved –feel free to share your experiences with potential candidates to enrich our chapter (and unearth a super treasurer/secretary!!)

Congratulations to Nick Bamford of Melbourne University for winning the Reg Pascoe award for excellence in his equine membership candidature.

**Charles El-Hage, Secretary, Equine**



## Chapter Reports



# Small Animal Medicine

### Science Week 2012

Again this year we had a great Science Week programme, a big thanks to all those who spent countless hours organising it. Thanks also to our international speaker, Dr Lynelle Johnson, who took us through the respiratory system over several lectures. Thank you also to all the great local speakers, your time and effort is much appreciated.

The abstract session demonstrated the quality of research in small animal medicine in Australia and New Zealand. Congratulations to the prize winners:

**1st prize:** Ingrid Goodman, Clinicopathological signs of red belly black snake envenomation of dogs in the Sydney basin area.

**2nd prize:** Randolph Baral, Comparisons of biochemical results between three in-house biochemistry analysers and a commercial laboratory analyser for feline plasma

**3rd prize:** Kate Worthing, Indications and patient factors affecting the outcome of mechanical ventilation in dogs and cats: 73 cases (2002-2012)

The Small Animal Medicine Chapter Prize for Outstanding Performance in Membership Examinations was awarded to Barbara Jameson

We are once again grateful to our sponsor for helping us put on the Science Week program. Production of the combined proceedings was facilitated by the generous sponsorship of Hill's Pet Nutrition. Hills also helped with the Small Animal Medicine happy hour.

Welcome to all our new members and fellows! We look forward to next year and hope to present an equally stimulating and relevant programme in 2013.

### Do you want to be actively involved in your chapter?

The Small Animal Medicine Chapter thrives because of the dedication of volunteers who enable the smooth running of the examinations, Science Week and the general chapter business. Many of you may not have realised that your contributions towards the running of the chapter would be most valued. Please let any of us know if you would like to become a member of the Science Week Organising Committee, an examiner in the future or a mentor.

### Executive committee

The new executive committee for 2011-2012 comprises:

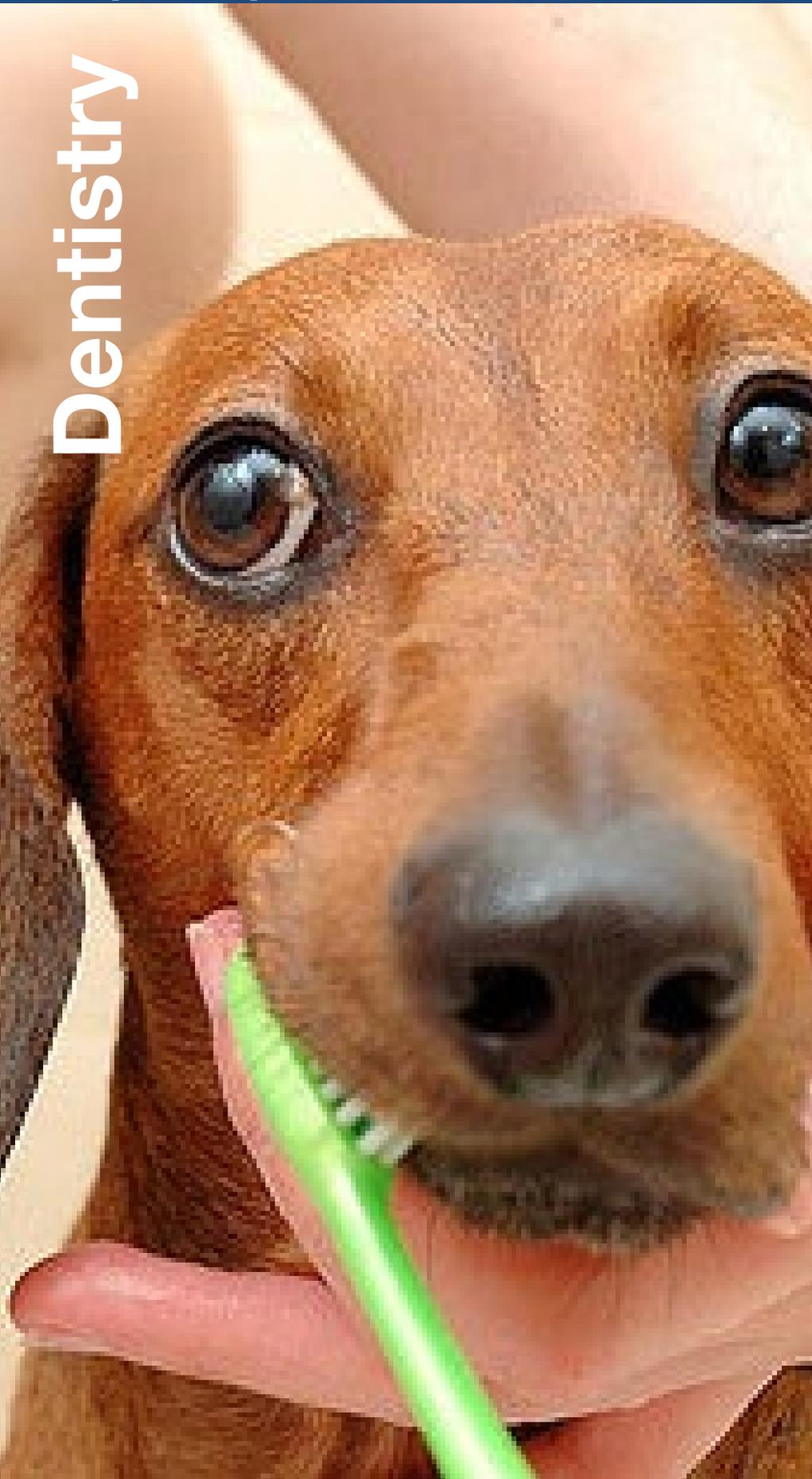
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**Mike Coleman, President, Small Animal Medicine**

## Chapter Reports

# Dentistry



The dentistry chapter had a very successful year this year and would like to congratulate our five successful Small Animal Dentistry and Oral Surgery candidates; Craig Hunger, John Kidman, Kevin Ng, Rachel Perry and Rebecca Tucker, and three successful Equine Dentistry candidates; Cameron Hosking, Kirsten Jackson and Raymond Lenaghan. We are also pleased to announce our new President Christine Hawke and Treasurer/ Secretary Kirsten Jackson and would like to thank our outgoing President Ian Dacre and Treasurer/ Secretary Tara Cashman for all their hard work this year.

It was a great science week for the dentistry chapter this year. We had a great program of dentistry lectures as well as combined sessions with the radiology and equine chapters.

It is the dentistry chapter's 20th anniversary next year so we are already planning an exciting program for science week to commemorate this milestone. We have some great lectures in mind but if members have particular areas of interest or suggestions for the program, feel free to contact us with any suggestions.

***Kirsten Jackson, Secretary, Dentistry***

## Chapter Reports



# Ophthalmology

The highlight of this year's Science Week program for the Ophthalmology Chapter was

Associate Professor David Maggs, from the UC Davis School of Veterinary Medicine. David presented an update on corneal disease, and his latest antiviral research findings in both the Ophthalmology session and the combined session with Pharmacology and Feline Chapters. Associate Professor Anthony Kwan from the Queensland Eye Institute, South Brisbane presented a guide to retinal Optical Coherence Topography in humans and its translation to veterinary science.

The Ophthalmology Chapter would like to thank everyone who attended the Ophthalmology sessions, especially those who presented during the conference.

The Chapter's interim meeting this year will be held in September at Silky Oaks Lodge, in an unrivalled riverside location on the beautiful Mossman River just downstream from the Mossman Gorge. The Daintree National Park is World Heritage listed and the oldest living rainforest. Professor Chris Murphy from the UC Davis School of Veterinary Medicine will take us on a trek through the jungle of avian and exotic ophthalmology and optics.

***Edith Hampson, Science Week Convenor, Ophthalmology***

## Chapter Reports

# Feline



Science Week was a great success for the Feline Chapter with good attendance and huge enjoyment of our joint sessions with the Ophthalmology and Small Animal Medicine Chapters, both of which we thank for their support and collaboration. The Feline Chapter was again well represented at the Scientific Abstracts session with Dr Erin Bell winning the prize for best feline abstract with her presentation entitled "Gastrointestinal Microbiota of cats with Diabetes Mellitus".

We are extremely pleased and proud to welcome a new fellow, Dr Katherine Briscoe, and 14 new members to the Chapter. Congratulations to all for a splendid effort and for upholding the great standard in feline medicine so important to our Chapter.

Mary Thompson will remain president for a further year and Amy Lingard and Robert Johnson will continue to serve as secretary and treasurer. Vanessa Barrs remains head of the CEC, with the assistance of Ruth Sutcliffe and Pru Galloway, and we are pleased to have Katherine Briscoe join this group. Thanks to all for their service to the chapter.

Best of luck to the 21 European membership candidates who will have sat their oral exams in Birmingham on August 7 and 8. We look forward to welcoming many of you more formally to the Chapter.

Finally, the Feline Chapter looks forward to a close relationship with the emerging Australasian Society for Feline Medicine (ASFM) - look out for their website soon! Amy Lingard will act as a liaison between the two groups to keep us all fully informed as to important feline activities.

***Amy Lingard, Secretary, Feline***



## Chapter Reports

# Zoo and Wildlife



First of all a hearty congratulations to three new members of the chapter who successfully passed the examinations this year. Well done to Claude Lacasse, Phillipa Mason and Kathryn Stadler for their great achievement.

You bring the total number of members in the chapter to 42...a very significant number as Douglas Adams one said...perhaps the chapter itself is the ultimate answer to the meaning of the universe!!

There have also been a few changes to the executive with David McLelland becoming president of the chapter and Wayne Boardman taking on the secretary/treasurer role. This of course means that the old president, as in past not aged, Andrea Reiss has stepped down as she takes on the role of Chairman of the Wildlife Disease Association – Australia committee.

Science week was a great success all around with a full ¾ day session devoted to zoo and wildlife chapter presentations, a full day combined with the Equine chapter and a single gate crashed session with the Animal Welfare and Behaviour chapter.

Professor Chris Walzer, wildlife veterinarian from the Research Institute for Wildlife Ecology at the University of Veterinary Medicine in Vienna, was our very first international speaker. Chris gave several talks over three days on subjects such as the reintroduction of the Przewalski's horse to Outer Mongolia, the use of biotelemetry equipment in wildlife, and wild ass ecology.

With no membership examinations scheduled for 2013, one objective is to review the study guidelines ahead of the next examinations in 2014. At this stage the development of fellowship examinations in zoo and wildlife medicine remains a medium term aim of the chapter.

**Wayne Boardman, Secretary/Treasurer**  
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